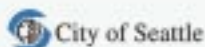


Get Involved
in Your West Sector
Neighborhood

2000

Neighborhood Plan Implementation

April 2001



Dear Community Member:

In 1999, the City Council finished the approval process for 38 neighborhood plans created by nearly 20,000 citizens. The plans identify actions needed to ensure that each neighborhood will continue to thrive and improve as Seattle grows over the next 20 years in ways that meet our commitments under the State's Growth Management Act. We are happy to report that the process of making these plans a reality is well underway.

1. The community is leading much of the activity with the help of the City's Neighborhood Matching Fund. The Fund has been tripled to \$4.5 million over the past three years. Matching the City's contribution with donated cash and volunteer labor, the community is now completing about 250 neighborhood improvement projects each year.
2. Seattle's voters have committed major funding to carry out key portions of the plans through three ballot measures. A 1998 bond measure is resulting in 27 new, expanded, or renovated branch libraries and a new Downtown library; a 1999 levy will develop 11 new or expanded community centers; and last November's levy will produce over 100 park projects throughout Seattle.
3. Most of the work, though, will result from the City's new way of doing business: a decentralization to organize the work of City government around neighborhood priorities as defined by the neighborhoods themselves. Seattle has been divided into six sectors as shown on the map to the right. Decentralization makes it easier for departments to work together and with the community.

These things combined are converting neighborhood plans into real neighborhood improvements. Action on more than 1,000 plan recommendations is already underway or completed: new public facilities, parks, and community gardens; street repair; public safety and traffic improvements; design guidelines; art projects; and much more.

While this report focuses on what's being done to fulfill the neighborhood plans in your sector, other kinds of improvements are also occurring in your sector and throughout Seattle. The report lists community and City contact people for key projects in the hope that you will want to join in making your neighborhood the best possible place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

Paul Schell
Mayor of Seattle

Richard Conlin, Seattle City Council
Neighborhoods, Sustainability and
Community Development Committee Chair

West/Center City

- Chinatown/International District
- Pioneer Square
- Commercial Core/Downtown Urban Center
- Belltown
- Denny Triangle
- Queen Anne/Uptown Urban Center
- South Lake Union
- Eastlake



International District Dragon
Poles

West Sector

Projects Completed

Community Design

1. **Uptown Urban Center Streetscape and Design Guidelines** — A streetscape plan and design guidelines were completed in 2000 and have been submitted to DCLU for review. They will be presented to the City Council in 2001.
2. **Fortson Square Improvements** — Final design and construction documents for improvements to Pioneer Square's Fortson Square were completed in 2000; construction will be completed in the first quarter of 2001.

Transportation

3. **Downtown Urban Center Wayfinding Demonstration Project** — The first series of "wayfinding" signs have been installed; further development of a pedestrian wayfinding signage and directional information system is budgeted for 2001.
4. **Franklin Avenue Green Street** — In conjunction with the renovation of Eastlake's Seward School building, Franklin Avenue was closed and landscaped and play area improvements were completed in 2000.



Franklin Avenue Green Street

Public Facilities

5. **West Police Precinct and Downtown Neighborhood Service Center** — The West Precinct facility at 9th Avenue & Virginia Street, which opened in fall 1999, was actively used by downtown neighborhood groups during 2000.
6. **Belltown Neighborhood Center** — A programming and feasibility study was completed in 2000.

Public Safety

7. **Metropolitan Improvement District (MID) Drop-In Station** — A public safety drop-in station with community meeting space opened at 3rd Avenue & Yesler Way in summer 2000. The MID Station provides a storefront office for MID Public Safety Ambassadors and Seattle police officers, and meeting space for community organizations.



Metropolitan Improvement District Drop-In Station

8. **Downtown Cleanscapes Program** — A "cleanscapes" litter removal and street and alley cleaning program was expanded to provide services to a larger portion of the Downtown Urban Center in 2000.

Arts and Culture

9. **Downtown Art Installations** — Public art will be installed at both Fortson Square and Union Square early in 2001.
10. **Belltown Gateways Project** — A north gateway sign has been installed near 2nd Avenue & Denny Way; a south gateway feature will be installed at Western Avenue & Lenora Street in 2001.
11. **Eastlake Cornerstones and Tiles Project** — The first phase of this project was completed in 2000; additional installations will occur in 2001.



South Lake Union Improvements

Projects In Progress

Community Design

1. **Center City Urban Design and Open Space Implementation Strategy** — Existing neighborhood plans and previous design plans are being used to create a unified urban design streetscape and open space system.
2. **Belltown's Growing Vine Street Project** — Design and construction of a water feature on the Cascade Steps segment is underway and will be completed in 2001.
3. **Denny Triangle Green Streets** — Design, engineering, and final cost estimates for key elements of the 9th Avenue & Terry Avenue green street improvements are in progress.

Libraries for All

4. **Central Library** — Final design will be completed and construction will begin in 2001.
5. **Branch Library in the International District** — Plans and designs for a new branch library, located in the Village Square II project, are underway.

Community Centers

6. **Belltown Neighborhood Center** — Having completed a programming study, Seattle Parks and Recreation will begin a facility acquisition process in 2001.
7. **International District Community Center** — Plans and designs for a new community center, co-located with a branch library in the Village Square II project, are underway.

Public Facilities

8. **Civic Center Project** — The final design for a new city hall, justice center, and nearby open space is nearing completion; the first phase of construction on the Seattle Justice Center has begun.

Transportation

9. **Mercer and Valley Corridor Street Improvements** — Preliminary engineering studies for transportation improvements in South Lake Union will be completed in spring 2001.
10. **Roy Street and Queen Anne Avenue Intersection Improvements** — Design options have been reviewed and approved by the Uptown/Queen Anne community. Funding for improvements will be sought in 2001.

Public Safety

11. **Pioneer Square** — In conjunction with the South Downtown Community Partnership Forum, the Pioneer Square Public Safety Committee is coordinating security and community justice activities.
12. **International District** — In conjunction with the South Downtown Community Partnership Forum, the Community Action Partnership (CAP) continues to coordinate security, cleanliness, and related public safety activities in the Chinatown/International District.
13. **Belltown** — The Belltown Crime Prevention Council continues to work with the Belltown community, business groups, and the Seattle Police Department on crime prevention issues.



Fortson Square Art Installation, Elizabeth Conner, Artist

Arts and Culture

14. **Pioneer Square Arts and Legends History Program** — The Arts and Legends Plan for location of public art within the Pioneer Square historic district will be completed in the first quarter of 2001.
15. **Chinatown/International District Dragon Poles** — Dragon sculptures that will spiral around light fixtures in the Chinatown/International District were designed in 2000; fabrication and installation will be completed in 2001.
16. **Maritime Heritage Museum** — The Maritime Heritage Foundation opened an office in the Armory Building and completed a development feasibility study in 2000, and continues to work with the City and the maritime community to develop a new wharf at South Lake Union Park.
17. **Tashiro Kaplan Artist Housing** — The Pioneer Square Community Development Organization has contracted with Metropolitan King County to purchase the Tashiro Kaplan buildings and is working with ArtSpace on plans for conversion to artist housing. Predevelopment planning, design, and permitting will continue during 2001.



If you want to get involved in a West Sector project

Future Projects

Pro Parks Levy Projects

1. Potlatch Trail — A trail connection to Myrtle Edwards Park from Seattle Center is being planned.
2. Belltown and Uptown/Queen Anne Waterfront Connections — Pedestrian access to the waterfront at Myrtle Edwards Park from Belltown and Uptown will be developed in conjunction with the Potlatch Trail.
3. South Lake Union Park Development — Redevelopment, which will include demolition, landscaping, and other site enhancements, has begun.
4. Pioneer Square Area Park Improvements — Improvements will be made to Pioneer Square Park and Occidental Park.
5. I-5 Open Space in Eastlake — Space under Interstate 5 will be developed as open space; future use may include pedestrian stairways, an off-leash area, and other amenities.
6. Queen Anne Park Development — Planning for a new park at 4th Avenue North & Ward Street is underway; improvements are scheduled to get underway in 2001.
7. Uptown Park Acquisition — The City will work to acquire a site within the Uptown Urban Center for a park.
8. Mountain to Sound Greenway — A trail that will connect I-90 to the waterfront is planned.
9. Queen Anne Boulevard Improvements — Improvements to historic Queen Anne Boulevard are planned: pedestrian amenities, lighting, and landscaping.

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Tashiro Kaplan Artist Housing, Cathryn Vandenbrink	667-0687
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SeaTran (Seattle Transportation), Trevor Partap	684-0353
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Fremont (Lake Union) Neighborhood Service Center, Steve Louie	684-4054

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